

THIS WEEK

Lotto Draw 39/76
First prize
111,000,000
Minimum total prize
111,000,000
(including carryover)
Other prizes increased.
TOMORROW is the last day
for handing in Lotto entries.
Subject to resubmit.

THE WEATHER

	Yesterday's	Yesterday's	Today's
	Humidity	Min-Max	Max
Jerusalem	44	17-28	28
Golan	46	17-28	28
Nahariya	61	17-28	28
Safed	51	15-26	26
Tiberias	40	21-34	34
Nazareth	48	19-31	31
Afula	48	19-31	31
Shomron	51	18-28	28
Tel Aviv	62	22-32	32
B-G Airport	48	20-31	31
Jericho	39	20-36	36
Qana	72	21-32	32
Beer Sheva	30	19-32	32
Ellat	13	21-39	39
Tiran	13	27-36	36

Social and Personal

Mrs. Lady Bird Johnson widow of former U.S. President Lyndon Johnson, last Friday visited the Weismann Institute in Rehovot, and was guest at a luncheon given by Prof. Shmuel Lifson, acting President of the Institute.

ARRIVALS

Barry Kaye, director of the Western Region Associates of Ben Gurion University, and Mrs. Kaye, from Los Angeles, as guests of the university and of Israel Bonds.

Kol to fight for 'plurality'



Rabbi Mordechai Kaplan

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Minister of Tourism Moshe Kol on Thursday pledged to fight for "full recognition in Israel of Jewish pluralistic movements," while conceding that in so doing, "I am making my Cabinet colleagues nervous."
The minister spoke at a luncheon held in the Knesset on the occasion of the 95th birthday of Prof. Mordechai Kaplan, the founder of Reconstructionism. He pointed out Dr. Kaplan's "tremendous contribution to Judaism, of decisive importance in our present spiritual crisis."
Prof. Kaplan who explained the principles of his movement, was praised by those attending for his 70 years of teaching and leadership activities.

Yehonatan Meir, IDF pathologist, dies of injuries

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Sgan-Aluf Dr. Yehonatan (John) Meir, the Chief Pathologist of the Defence Forces, died on Friday night of injuries sustained when he fell into a ravine during rescue operations after a plane crash in Sinai last November.
Meir, who was 49, will be buried in the military section of the Savyon cemetery tomorrow. He leaves his wife and three children.
Meir was injured during the search for survivors after an Air Force Hercules transport plane crashed into a hilltop while on a training flight on November 25. All 20 men on the plane were killed.
Born John Meyerson, he came to Israel from Johannesburg, South Africa in 1960. He joined the Defence Forces in 1969, after working at the Institute for Forensic Medicine in Abu Kabir.

CAESAREA GOLF

CAESAREA. — Gili Mandelstam of Hadera; Gidi Golan and Yoav Harlap, both of Haifa; and Asher Abzug of Or Akiva yesterday won the Alliance Medal Golf Tournament with a score of 131.
The runners-up — with the same score but a poorer back nine holes — were Effie and Laurie Ben of Herzliya Bet; Dov Peleg of Herzliya Pituh, and Fay Adler of Haifa.
Gili Mandelstam won the individual Stableford tourney with 41 points and a gross round of 77. Aubrey Kaplan won the 'B' division with 37 points and Joe Klein of Tel Aviv the 'C' division with 38.

Charlotte Jacobson on Zionist elections
'Israel hierarchies pick delegates'

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON. — Mrs. Charlotte Jacobson, chairman of the American section of the World Zionist Organization, has publicly complained about the way Israeli members of the organization select delegates to the World Zionist Congress.
In a statement issued immediately upon her return from the Jewish Agency Assembly in Jerusalem, Mrs. Jacobson also charged press reports in Israel with misrepresenting the decision of the Zionist General Council to forego elections to the next World Zionist Congress.
"Ironically enough," she said, "it is the Israelis who talk about 'the same tired people arguing

the same tired issues,' who are the most aroused over the General Council ruling. It is the Israelis who do not vote for delegates."
"They do not have Congress elections in Israel and have their delegations assigned by the party hierarchies. Let the Israelis fight for democratic procedures in Israel."
Mrs. Jacobson insisted that "democratic election of delegates from the U.S. organizations is not at issue."
She said that the recent Jerusalem vote does not affect internal organization elections to assure opportunities for new delegates to attend the Congress.
"What is at issue," she said, "is the number of delegates each Zion-

ist party is entitled to. This is generally decided by the proportion of votes cast in the elections."
She continued: "In the U.S. it is subject to two limitations — the largest group is not to have more than 30 per cent of the delegates to the Congress, and the smallest is not to have less than three delegates."
Pointing out that elections to the forthcoming Congress are to be waived in any country where 90 per cent of the factions represented in the Zionist Federations are agreed on the number assignment of delegates per faction, Mrs. Jacobson said: "Ninety per cent represents a very large percentage and prevents a small group from majorizing the decisions."

Soviets jail woman who sent violin to daughter

LONDON. — Violinist Yehudi Menuhin appealed in a letter to the "Times" of London yesterday for the release from detention of a Soviet woman whose daughter, Anna Lekina, also a violinist, was allowed to emigrate to Israel in 1974.
Signed by Menuhin, fellow violinist Pinchas Zukerman and six others the letter said Mrs. Meita Lekina was first imprisoned and then sent to Soviet mental hospitals simply because she sent her daughter's violin to her.
The daughter had been forbidden to take the violin with her when she emigrated, the letter said, but "last year Mrs. Lekina gave the violin to a visiting friend to take back for Anna, subsequently mentioning this in letters and telephone conversations."
"A month later, in perfectly good health, she was arrested and accused of smuggling Anna's violin out of the Soviet Union. She was taken to Lubyanka Prison and later

transferred to the Serbsky Forensic Psychiatric Institute in Moscow."
Last October there was a court hearing at which Mrs. Lekina — who was not present — was found not competent to stand trial and sent to Kazan Mental Hospital, it said.
"Later the violin charge was dropped and one of a major offence against the currency laws was levelled against her, which even by Soviet standards was a very weak case," the letter continued.
"We appeal to the friends of the Soviet Union to urge the Soviet government to let Mrs. Lekina be reunited with her daughter in Israel."
"In accordance with the principles of the Helsinki agreement, the Russian authorities could show their good faith by releasing this unfortunate and helpless woman."
Menuhin, who lives in Britain, has campaigned in the past for the release of detained Soviet citizens.

Arms on Israel ships 'no secret'

By YAA'COV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — Israeli merchant ships have for years been carrying light arms for defence against terrorist attack, a senior official told The Jerusalem Post last night.
This comes in response to the London "Evening Standard" report of discovery of arms aboard the Maritime Fruit Carrier ship, "Mandarin Core," after her recent sale in Honolulu.
He said no secret has been made of this fact, which has been published before. The official noted that the masters of Israeli ships declare their arms at every port of call in contrast to some other merchant ships which refuse to declare their arms and do not allow port officials to inspect them.
The arms kept aboard Israeli ships include rifles and machine guns. The "gun emplacement" mentioned in the "Evening Standard" story are presumably the machine-guns, which are usually mounted on the ship.
The "Evening Standard's" conclusion that Israeli merchant ships were to have been used as naval reserve vessels in case of war was "absolutely unfounded," the source said.

Levie's death sentence commuted

NEW YORK. — The death sentence imposed nearly two years ago on Mikhail Leviev by a Moscow court was commuted recently to 15 years in prison, according to reports reaching the local Conference on Soviet Jewry.
Levie, a Bokharan Jew who managed a store in Moscow, was arrested a few days before he was scheduled to leave for Israel with his family in 1972. He was held incommunicado for more than two years, while police in-

vestigated his alleged economic crimes and "anti-Soviet activity."
Three non-Jews, tried at the same time on similar charges, received prison terms of five to nine years. But Leviev was sentenced to death, reportedly because he would not "cooperate" with the prosecutor.
Levie's sentence provoked thousands of protest demonstrations and letters, telegrams and appeals to Moscow officials — by U.S. Congressmen, district attorneys and other public officials here. (JTA)

Bid to avert printers' strike

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — A last minute attempt to prevent a 24-hour strike by newspaper printers will be made today.

The printers warned on Friday that they will strike for 24 hours, beginning at 6 p.m. today, unless negotiations over a new wage contract are concluded. They met with representatives of management and Histadrut Trades Union Chief Uziel Abrahamovitch on Friday and will meet again this morning.
The major issue is apparently the workers demand to increase from 23 to 25 per cent the extra pay for working on night shifts.

Man, 70, held in wife's death

NETANYA. — A 70-year-old man was arrested here yesterday on suspicion of murdering his 47-year-old wife.
Neighbours of the couple in Kiryat Nordan entered their apartment when they heard two shots, and found the woman in a pool of blood. They called the police, who arrested the husband. The couple has married children who were not at home at the time. (Itim)

Betar draws Sweden 1:1 in return match here

By PAUL KOHN
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Cupholders Jerusalem Betar yesterday held the Swedish league champions Malmoe to a 1:1 draw in a return inter-toto series game at Bloomfield stadium. Malmoe won the first game 3:1 in Sweden.
Shlomo Djerbi missed a glorious opportunity to give Betar the lead in the 12th minute, when he cut clean through the Malmoe defence. He switched the ball from his left to right foot before shooting weakly at an empty goal — which enabled a Swedish defender to clear it off the goal line. After that Malmoe gained control of the game and were much the better side.
In the 18th minute Lindberg cracked in a hard shot from a 16-metres free kick, to give the visitors the lead. By halftime, Malmoe might have been ahead by more goals, as they came near many times, but they did not get the ball past goal-keeper Yair Sasson.
In the 60th minute a solo effort by Yoel Massuari gave Jerusalem Betar their equalizer. Massuari cleverly drew the Swedish international keeper Muller from his goal before placing his shot accurately into the back of the net.
Malmoe continued their pressure on the Betar goal without success. This was Jerusalem Betar's last game under coach Nissim Bachar, who took them to second place in the league and to winning the State Cup in his first season with the club. Next season Betar will coach Tel Aviv Betar, and Yehiel Mor will take over Jerusalem Betar.

U.K. PIPS ISRAEL IN GALEA CUP

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Spearheaded by a great display by Shlomo Glickstein, Israel came within a hair's breadth of scoring a shock victory over Great Britain in their semi-final Galea Cup tie at Murcia, Spain, which ended on Friday. But in the end, the Israelis had to settle for a more creditable 3-2 defeat by the U.K. in this 28th annual international team event for boys under 21, known as the "Junior Davis Cup."

In the two opening singles, Britain's Chris Kaakow defeated Brian Sherr 6-4, 6-4, 6-1, but Glickstein levelled with a 6-2, 3-6, 6-2 win against Nigel Sears. Thursday's play ended with Sears and Lloyd scoring a 7-5, 8-6, 6-3 victory over the two Israelis in the best-of-five doubles.
Sherr was within points of beating Sears at 10-5, 7-11 on Thursday evening, but the English youngster rallied when the match resumed on Friday to take the last two sets 8-6, 6-3. Just how close Israel had been to winning the rubber became

Police probe car blast in J'lem

The police are investigating an explosion which blew up a car in Sur Bahir, in southeastern Jerusalem, on Thursday night.
The car's owner said he came home at midnight and parked his old-model Opel. The explosion occurred about an hour later, damaging the car extensively, but injuring no one. (Itim)

Treasury letter confirms payment for Raphael's ad

By ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter
Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz was misinformed last week when he told the Knesset that the Treasury would not pay for Religious Affairs Minister Yitzhak Raphael's huge ad in "Ma'ariv" six months ago, according to a letter received at The Jerusalem Post.
The letter — dated July 12 — is from the Treasury to the Religious Affairs Ministry, and confirms that the Treasury would pay for Raphael's ad.

actually did not yet have Treasury authorization. Raphael was stating what he expected would be arranged. At the time, the Treasury was still strenuously objecting to pay for the ad — costing over IL8,000 — on the grounds that it was intended to glorify the Minister personally, rather than inform the public of Ministry services.

The Treasury letter shows that the Religious Affairs Ministry originally sent the ad to "Ma'ariv" without first clearing it with the Publications Bureau. However, the Ministry spokesman afterwards claimed that he had cleared it.
The Treasury letter also shows that the Ministry is not likely to insert such ads in the papers again. Deputy Accountant-General Nahum Bar-Hava wrote to David Glass, Director-General of the Religious Affairs Ministry: "We are both in agreement that general instructions should be issued prohibiting the insertion of paid advertisements of this nature."

The Post received its copy of the Treasury letter with no objections or delay from Ministry spokesman Ze'ev Rosenberg.
Three months ago, when Raphael told the Knesset that the Treasury was paying for his ad, his officials

Labour moots bill to keep parties clean

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The Labour Party's leadership bureau has decided to discuss with its colleagues a bill regulating party activities.
The bill, drafted by a committee headed by Justice Minister Haim Zadok, calls for periodic secret and general elections in each party. But it does not say how often they should be held. An aide to the Minister said this detail should be discussed with the other parties.
Other clauses call for keeping books, presenting accounts to the State Comptroller (regarding usage of state allocations) and to an internal comptroller. No party should conduct a business designed to make profits, according to the bill.
Zadok told the secretariat last week the law should stipulate each party's right to organize a party and enjoy maximum political autonomy on condition they seek their goals

legally and do not negate the country's existence or security.
A person can be a member of only one party, the bill adds.
A participant in last week's meeting said only about Ha'Avoda leader Yitzhak Ben-Aharon opposed the bill, saying the party had other important things to do. Zadok countered that this law was necessary because the state funded parties.
The secretariat also recommended that the party's central committee authorize the election committee to set an election date, adding that elections should be held no later than December 26.

The central committee originally decided elections should be held on October 26, but because registration of members and other preparations were behind schedule, the date was postponed. The party's convention, originally scheduled for Hanukka, is now expected to be held at the beginning of February.

New 'Kolbotek' producer to be named this week

By AARON SEITNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter
A new producer for the "Kolbotek" television programme will be named this week. Yitzhak Livni, director-general of the Broadcasting Authority, told The Jerusalem Post on Friday.
He will replace Hanina Amotz, who was transferred to other duties after the popular consumer-interest programme was temporarily suspended last week. The suspension was ordered by Livni and TV manager Amos Zuckerman after it was discovered that one of the companies described on the July 1 programme had financed the purchase of samples of a competitor's merchandise, which were shown to be inferior to his.

Interested parties in preparation of the Thursday night programmes.
According to Amotz, requests for additional production expense funds have gone unanswered.
Amotz also said he had protested the dismissal of three of the programme's non-tenured workers last week. The workers committee has not made an issue of the dismissals, except to complain that the committee should have been notified of the programme's suspension before it was announced to the press.

Move to keep nurses from dropping out

Unorthodox steps — including "preferential status" — must be taken to stop the drain of nurses leaving the profession, Health Minister Victor Shemtov said on Friday.
In a communique issued by the ministry spokesman, Shemtov said he would discuss the current nurse shortage in the hospitals at a meeting with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin tomorrow.

Among the steps he proposes are the provision of suitable accommodation and transport facilities for nurses, and a government subsidy to cover the cost of help hired by nurses with young children.
He will also seek Histadrut co-operation, on the understanding that any privileges accorded the nurses will not be sought for workers in other professions.
The Health Minister said that the nurse shortage in certain hospitals was now so severe that they were finding it impossible to provide proper treatment. He cited the case of Foriya Hospital in Tiberias, where 15 nurses will be leaving next month.
Registration at the country's nursing schools is increasing, Shemtov said — but this is not sufficient to make up for the high drop-out rate of experienced nurses from the profession.

1,000 expected for Jewish lawyers meet

TEL AVIV. — More than 1,000 distinguished jurists and lawyers from Israel and abroad are expected for the third international congress of the World Association of Jewish Lawyers, which will be held in Jerusalem on August 23-25.
The organization, which was founded in 1969, has both Jewish and non-Jewish members in its 32 national branches. Among those expected are Gaston Monnerville of the French Constitutional Court, Lord Lloyd, professor of law at London University, Justice Bora Leskin of the Canadian Supreme Court, and Judge Abraham Lincoln Marovitz of the Chicago Federal District Court.

110 NEW POLICE officers who completed a 10-month training course were graduated Thursday afternoon at the Aharon Sela police school at Shfar'am. The graduates include five women, five Christians and one Druse. Sgan Nitza Shalom Rosen was course commander.

Our dearly beloved husband and father
Dr. Yehonatan (John) Meir
has succumbed to injuries sustained in the line of duty. The funeral will take place in the Military Section of the Savyon Cemetery at 4 p.m., Monday, July 26, 1976.

Deeply mourned by his loving wife, Hilary and children: Mark, Roddy and Yael

With deep sorrow we announce the passing away of
REBECCA VAN PRAAG-VEERMAN
The funeral will be held at Kibbutz Sde Nehemia today, July 25, at 4 p.m.

The Family Kibbutz Sde Nehemia (Huliot)

In deep sorrow we announce the death in his 92nd year of my beloved husband; our dear father and grandfather
RICHARD LOEWE
The funeral will leave today, July 25, 1976, at 11.30 a.m. from Rambam Hospital in Haifa for the Kfar Samir Cemetery.

On the first anniversary of the death of my beloved
ARYE WALLENSTEIN
let us pause for a moment and remember Wally, the cheerful proud Sabra, who for one generation was, with heart and soul, REUTERS' man in Israel.
Shmela Wallenstein

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Nurit (née Hamburger) and Yoav Manor
are happy to announce the birth of their
SON
brother to Michael
July 22, 1976. Assuta, Tel Aviv

Harold and Miriam Brenner (Ramat Efiel)
announce the birth of a
SON
brother to Eyal and Sharon
grandson to Sam and Harriet Levin (Kfar Shmaryahu) and Rose Brenner (Bulanayyo)

In deep sorrow we announce the untimely passing of our dear
ABRAHAM ROGER LITWINSKI
The funeral will leave the Municipal Funeral Parlour, at Rehov Dafna, Tel Aviv at 2.30 p.m., today, Sunday, July 25, 1976, for the old Rehov Trumpeldor Cemetery, Tel Aviv.

Brother and sister-in-law
Haim and Mia Litwinski
Nieces and nephew,
Jaqualine, Becky and Maurice
and HIS FRIENDS

Truckloads of food to Lebanon

By FOEL DAB
Jerusalem Post Reporter

DOVEV. — Three truck loads of foodstuffs — the gift of the Christian communities in Haifa — crossed the border into Lebanon on Friday to aid victims of the civil war there. This was the second shipment sent in the past fortnight.

The Maronites, Baptists and others collected funds to buy milk powder, flour, oil and tinned food, as well as a small quantity of fuel. Two members of the Maronite Aid Organization in Haifa — Elias Matar, the first Arab Catholic to organize aid for Lebanon, and Yoram Katz, the regional officer for the Prime Minister's adviser on Arab affairs — accompanied the trucks.

There, at this frontier point near the army's medical aid clinic, three Lebanese nuns and a tractor were waiting. The tractor driver, who allowed the Lebanese to come through the fence to take over the supplies and proceed with it to Dibbel, a village about 10 kms. north.

The tractor driver — who asked that his name and photo not be published out of fear of reprisals against him or his family — told newsmen that the population would starve if it weren't for these shipments of food.

According to the driver, the Christian villagers had rejected an offer of food and other essentials from the Leftists. The driver quoted the villagers as telling the leftist messengers: "For six months we suffered from shortages and you did not lift a finger although you had food to spare. You remembered us only after the Christians in Israel offered help." It was reported that the leftists had offered only 120 sacks of flour, on condition that the villagers cut off all relations with Israel.

Matar, a prominent Greek Catholic in Haifa, explained that the Christians in northern Israel had started the aid campaign after realizing how hard the war was hitting the population. The Baptist representative agreed that the aid was intended for all, regardless of religion. However, it was said that not all Greek Catholics in Israel agree with Matar for political reasons and support the aid drive. But the number of Maronite contributors is steadily growing.

The medical aid clinic is serving as a meeting place for members of families who have not met since 1948, and also as a post office. Several Lebanese citizens were allowed to cross into Israel, either to visit family members hospitalized here or to buy provisions. Moslem Arabs in Israel, especially in the Little Triangle, also are organizing help. A shipment of food is due to cross the border at the medical clinic near Metulla tomorrow.

Tobacco from Lebanon here

KIRYAT SHMONA. — A 20-ton consignment of tobacco from Lebanon arrived here on Thursday, as part of the Government's policy to ease the plight of farmers in southern Lebanon.

The tobacco, said to be of high quality, was purchased by an Israeli tobacco company, which intends to buy several hundred tons more. It was brought to the border at Moshav Dovev by Lebanese vehicles, and transferred there to Israeli trucks.

HEBRON'S TOMB of the Patriarchs will be closed to visitors (Israelis and tourists) today, July 25, between 3.30 p.m. and 5.30 p.m. This was announced yesterday by the Army Spokesman.



Graduate officers of the newly-created logistics corps receiving their insignia from Chief Logistics Officer, Tat-Aluf Pinhas Lahav, at their passing-out parade last week. Over one-third of the new officers are former sergeant-majors in the permanent army, and take on their new commissions with the rank of sergeant (Asgad).

\$25m. container ship joins Zim's '3 continent' line

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The 25,000-ton, five-year-old container ship California, purchased by Zim for \$25m. from an international shipping company, has made her first call here joining Zim's \$5,000-mile "Three Continent" service between the Far East, the U.S. and Israel. This is Zim's first profitable line, with an annual turnover of \$150m.

The Zim California is the seventh ship on the line, which will now have one sailing every fortnight in the 12 ports that it serves.

The ship is the first new ship to join the Israeli fleet in 18 months. Capt. Moshe Hani has a crew of 32 Israeli seamen.

Yehuda Rotem, Zim general manager, said on Friday that the big investment in the ship demonstrated Zim's belief in a revival of world trade — which he said has already started — and a spurt in Israeli exports.

However, Rotem warned that "if the Israeli merchant navy is abolished, it will be due to ailing human and labour relations, and not because of a lack of ships." He said that such relations could ruin the fleet, as it had with other developed merchant fleets (he cited the U.S.

and Canada), "unless a combined effort were made by all concerned to improve the situation."

Rotem felt that the collapse of the Maritime Freight Conference Company would adversely influence other Israeli shipping companies, such as the willingness of banks to give credit to Israeli flagships manned by Israeli crews. However, he was confident that Zim would overcome such difficulties, because serious banks would continue to judge each company on its own merits. "The fact is that an international American bank is extending us a \$15m. mortgage for this new ship," he pointed out.

Rotem said that the board of directors in September would appoint a new chairman to replace the late Rav-Aluf David Eliazar. The company's 1975 balance sheet will be published shortly and will show a profit, although a modest one, as this year's operations were hit by declining imports to Israel.

Next month Zim will put a chartered container ship on its Elat-Iran route, and will add a third container ship on the Elat-Hong Kong line, to tie in with the "Three Continent" container line, via the Elat-Ashtod landbridge.

Rabin attacks press

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of which proved to be true. "To ring an alarm bell to arouse the public is one thing, but when the fire is over, at least, say so. Don't sow a feeling of insecurity in the name of security. Show Israel's strength instead. And we are strong; we didn't need the Entebbe raid to prove it."

"During the Entebbe raid all the media were 'O.K.' for everybody agreed with the Government's policy."

After urging a spirit of cooperation between the establishment and the press for the good of the country, Mr. Rabin noted that when he was first appointed an Aluf (General) in the army, he had learned an important lesson: "You can't satisfy everybody, so at least satisfy yourself, and be at peace with your conscience."

During the ensuing discussion it was pointed out that it was not always possible to check the facts. Sometimes the source which could confirm its veracity or otherwise

was not available, sometimes the source was available and refused to comment, and often the only solution, in the country's best interest, was to print those facts available with the best of intentions and wait for a reaction to put them in their proper perspective.

As for a balanced picture, the establishment had one viewpoint, the press offered another. This is the way it should be, a number of speakers agreed.

The Government was also attacked for not being "open" with the facts, and hiding them from the press. Or sometimes the editors were called together and told the facts on condition that they did not publish them.

If Mr. Rabin wanted a more understanding press, it was said, he should re-establish the system of weekly briefings by the Government Secretary, which he had abolished 18 months ago. "At least give us the right to ask questions, even if you retain the right to refuse to answer," one journalist said.

Gilo project for English-speaking immigrants to be trimmed

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The "Gilo project of new immigrants" — which had been planned in southeastern Jerusalem as the first "group settlement" of new settlers in a major urban area — has been changed due to a disagreement between the Housing Ministry and the World Zionist Organization.

Instead, a special kind of immigrant hostel — designed to house 200 families (and, perhaps, singles) — will open on the site in Gilo instead.

Originally, the Gilo project was meant to settle several hundred English-speaking families on 175 dunams, bringing together immigrants with common backgrounds and languages to make their absorption easier. Synagogues, schools and a community centre, where residents could study Hebrew and take part in activities, had been planned as part of the project.

Uzi Narkiss, director-general of the WZO's aliyah department, told The Jerusalem Post on Friday that

the urban settlement project in Gilo had to be scrapped. The Housing Ministry insisted that the units they built in Gilo be part of Jerusalem's allocation for new immigrants, while I insisted that it be in addition to the annual allocation."

In April, when difficulties over the site first became known, Housing Minister Avraham Ofar said that the Gilo project had not been included in his ministry's budget. He explained that the first few dozen apartments that had been set aside for the immigrants would be designated instead for large families who needed better housing and were promised bigger flats by Frazot (the state-municipal company which rehoused slum dwellers). "We can't freeze hundreds of flats for immigrants in one city when other sectors of the population are in need of better housing," the Housing Ministry spokesman said then.

Narkiss said that instead, an unusual immigrant hostel would open in the fall for English, French and

Spanish-speaking immigrants. For the first six months they could live there and study Hebrew. For the next six months they could live there and look for work, and for up to a total of five years after arrival they could remain in the hostel and pay rent, so that they could have time to find permanent housing.

Narkiss stated that the Housing Ministry has promised permanent flats in Gilo or elsewhere in Jerusalem for immigrants leaving the Gilo hostel. The possibility of allowing some single immigrants to stay in the hostel under the same arrangement is being investigated.

Narkiss also announced that a new absorption centre, built with funds from the Canadian United Israel Appeal, will open in the Jerusalem quarter of East Tel Aviv in a few months. "The past has shown that wherever an absorption centre is located, immigrants decide to settle permanently in the same area," he noted.

Shlihim to be chosen by public tender

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

All applicants for positions as aliyah emissaries (shlihim) next year will have to go through a public tender. The Jerusalem Post learned on Friday.

This year, only candidates for service in the U.S. were required to apply through a tender put out by the World Zionist Organization's aliyah department and advertised in local newspapers. Next year, it will be expanded, as an experiment, to candidates for service world-wide.

The tender was launched by officials in the World Zionist Organization (which handles immigration from the West) and the Jewish Agency (responsible for immigration from distressed countries). Immigrants' associations and other

groups have, in the past, charged that some shlihim were selected because of their party affiliations or personal connections in the establishment.

Candidates applying to the tender must undergo 10 hours of psycho-technical tests administered by the Institute for Practical Psychology in Tel Aviv. Marina Greenberg of the Institute told The Post on Friday that the tests include written and oral examinations meant to measure the various qualities needed to be a good emissary. The tests have been administered by the Institute for about two years, too short a time for an authoritative evaluation of whether they can determine who will be the best shlihim. It is also difficult to follow up and evaluate the performance

of the emissaries who have gone abroad.

The results of the psycho-technical tests will be handed over to the committee for choosing emissaries. Only those who "pass" the tests will be considered, according to the Jewish Agency's aliyah department.

Asked to comment on the new policy, Dov Chernok, director of the Jerusalem branch of the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel, said "It's a step in the right direction. Having a tender doesn't guarantee that the best persons will necessarily be selected as emissaries. The steps after the tender must be laid out and followed carefully," he added. "People who do the interviewing must be experienced in personnel selection."

Doubts charred body was that of Nazi

VIENNA. — Nazi-hunter Simon Wiesenthal said yesterday that he doubted whether a charred corpse found in a burnt house in France 11 days ago was that of former S.S. Colonel Joachim Peiper. A self-styled group of "avengers" claimed to have killed the 61-year-old Nazi officer at his home in the village of Traves, in eastern France, after the body was found there.

Wiesenthal, who has spent 30 years tracking down former Nazis, said: "One cannot say with 100 per cent certainty that the body is Peiper's. His two Alsatian dogs are missing and even his wife could not identify the corpse because it was so charred."

(French pathologists have said they are nearly certain the corpse is that of Peiper. They are waiting

for final details of a dental examination to finish their report.)

In a telephone interview, Wiesenthal was sceptical about the "avengers" who held a press conference in Paris in April 1975, at which hooded men made death threats against Peiper and other former Nazis.

"From time to time people come together and simply try to give old

Nazis a fright," he said. "There are other far more important criminals who haven't even spent half an hour in jail, unlike Peiper, who after all was inside for 11 years."

Peiper, who was in Hitler's bodyguard and was also a close aide of S.S. chief Heinrich Himmler, was convicted in 1946 of killing U.S. prisoners of war and was released from jail in 1957.

(Reuters)

New Irish Republic envoy to Israel

DUBLIN. — The Irish Republic has appointed a new non-resident ambassador to Israel. He is Brendan Nolan, 46, who replaces William Warlock, as ambassador in Bern, where he handles Ireland's relations with Switzerland and Israel.

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(JTA)

Police safe robber jailed

TEL AVIV. — One of the accused in the safe robbery from national police headquarters, Moshe Haddad, 29, of Jaffa, was last week sentenced to three years' imprisonment and another year suspended in the Tel Aviv District Court.

Haddad was accused of being party to a conspiracy to steal a safe from the national police headquarters in Jaffa in January. The safe contained large sums of money in foreign and local currency, and documents relating to police investigations of criminal acts. It was concealed in the back yard of Haddad's Jaffa home after the robbery, and opened there the following night, when the documents were burned.

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Replies to criticism by 'N.Y. Times' columnist

Carter defends use of aide with Arab ties

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Democratic presidential nominee Jimmy Carter says that he "does not see anything wrong or improper" about allowing Patrick Caddell, the Carter campaign's pollster and a close adviser to the candidate, to continue his business relationship with Saudi Arabia and several major American oil companies.

"I don't have anything to conceal about it, and I don't think that because we have a contract with Mr. Caddell to do political polling that he should have to give up all his other subscribers where most of his income is derived," Carter said in a statement issued following an article by New York Times columnist William Safire outlining Caddell's ties with Saudi Arabia and the oil companies.

Caddell's polling company, Cambridge Reports, Inc., does \$80,000 worth of polling work for Saudi Arabia and another \$80,000 worth for four major American oil companies, Exxon, Arco, Shell and Sun. Safire has charged "conflict of interest" specifically because Caddell submits to the Saudis "personal consultations" to help them "employ the information" he gathers.

In addition to merely conducting polls for Carter, Caddell is also considered one of the candidate's top advisers.

In his statement, Carter denied that Caddell fulfills "a role in our campaign of establishing policy concerning the Middle East, or even the analysis of issues concerning the Middle East." Carter continued: "As a matter of fact, the person who is in charge of our issues analysis is Stuart Eizenstat, who happens to be Jewish and who I might say is a very strong proponent of a strong state of Israel. So I'm the ultimate one who makes decisions about policy concerning international affairs and I do not see anything wrong or improper about Mr. Caddell serving Saudi Arabia or

other nations in the Middle East."

Last week Safire published a second article in the "Times," saying that Carter's reference to Eizenstat should be seen as a "some-of-my-best-analysts-are-Jewish" response. This is what one capsule writer of Saudi Agence wrote: "If the able Mr. Eizenstat has been placed in charge of Israel policy because he can be pointed to as window dressing, he should be the first to resent it."

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Rhodesia recruits mercenaries, may draft its blacks as well

JOHANNESBURG. — The Rhodesian Government has launched an international recruiting drive for the Rhodesian army in its war with black nationalist guerrillas, the "Rand Daily Mail" reported here last week.

The white minority Government denies that the foreign recruits are mercenaries, insisting they are immigrants who do their National Service on the same terms as other Rhodesians.

The influx of foreigners coincides with an exodus of Rhodesia's own whites in the face of increasing warfare with blacks intent on toppling Prime Minister Ian Smith's regime.

The recruiting has brought in veterans of Vietnam, of Britain's anti-guerrilla campaign in Malaysia, and of the Portuguese colonial wars in Mozambique and Angola.

The Rhodesian Government officially denies that it seeks mercenaries for the armed forces. But correspondents who visit the operational areas, where security forces are battling black guerrillas, often come across Americans, Britons, South Africans, Germans, Greeks, and Portuguese who have only recently arrived in the country.

Advertisements have been placed in South African and British newspapers and American magazines asking for ex-servicemen interested

in "a service career in the sun," according to the "Rand Daily Mail." Defence Minister, Peter van der Byl, has said foreigners are welcome to join the Rhodesian army if they are prepared to accept the wages about \$50 a week — and the terms.

In another move to cope with manpower shortages in its already overextended army, the Rhodesian Government has tabled a bill extending the draft — which takes in all Rhodesian whites — to include the country's blacks as well.

Coordination Minister Reg Cowper announced on Thursday that blacks liable for call-up would not initially have an armed role in the war against African nationalist guerrillas.

Only certain categories of blacks, however, would be called. These are yet to be defined, but observers here say they would include blacks who could carry out desk jobs that would release whites for combat.

Otherwise, a general exemption from National Service for blacks would remain in terms of the proposed law.

Blacks have never been drafted into the Rhodesian security forces, although black volunteers make up half of the 5,000-member Rhodesian army.

The armed forces are also exclusively white-officered, but the Government has announced plans to

train blacks to lead units in the combat areas.

The exodus of white civilians from Rhodesia has increased sharply since guerrillas stepped up offensives in the first half of this year — including the army chief recruiting officer's own son, 22-year-old Vincent Lamprecht.

Vincent served for one year in the Rhodesian army and has had two stints with the air force. But he left the country, along with hundreds of other whites, when the Government declared a partial mobilization two months ago.

According to official figures, Rhodesia had a net loss of 2,280 whites in the first half of this year, compared to a net gain of 1,590 whites in the first six months of 1975.

The Rhodesian Government clamped more severe controls on already sharply limited currency regulations last week in an effort to stop the exodus. People leaving the country for short trips may now take only \$500 with them, and those given permission to emigrate may take only \$1,600.

The number of guerrillas in Rhodesia, operating from bases in Mozambique, has been estimated at about 1,300. The Government says more than 1,000 black guerrillas have been killed in four years of warfare. It puts security force losses at 132.

Drought drenched in Europe

LONDON. — Europe's drought of the century ended late last week in spectacular rainstorms over Italy, snow in the German Alps, wintry rain in France and traditional gentle showers and drizzle in Britain.

But in most of the parched continent, the cooler temperatures and moisture came too late to save crops, livestock and pure water supplies depleted by months of bone-dry weather.

In Bavaria, 12,000 head of cattle were slaughtered on Wednesday because the drought had burned up the fodder to feed them. Local farmers predicted the worst harvest since the grim year of 1947.

The rain and colder temperatures covering most of the continent was accompanied by midsummer snow on Alpine slopes of over 1,800 metres altitude.

British authorities meanwhile, pressed ahead with plans to restrict domestic water usage in the London area from midnight Friday. South Wales already was without water 13 hours daily, in order to conserve supplies that newly arrived rain failed to replenish quickly enough.

The drought went out in spectacular fashion in Italy. A storm front moved southward across the nation, bringing rain, hail, tornadoes and lightning.

Tornadoes hit Genoa and Livorno, uprooting trees and roofs and tossing cars across streets. Genoa took 80mm of rain in two hours. A heavy downpour in the Friuli region flooded tent cities sheltering 45,000 refugees still homeless from an earthquake in May. Big-sized pieces of hail rattled down for ten minutes on the Chianti vineyards around Florence, causing an estimated \$1.5m. damage.

In France, the cold rain belt brought relief to fire-ravaged forests. More than 100,000 acres of woodland has burned since the start of the year.

In Switzerland vinegrowers, who had earlier anticipated a "wine of the century" because of the prolonged heat, reported up to 60 per cent of the grape harvest destroyed by electrical storms and torrential rain near Lausanne.

Drought conditions remained however in Denmark and the Netherlands, even though nearly 50 millimetres of rain fell in the latter country.

Hungary reported rain over four-fifths of the country, but the Hungarian news agency said there had been little relief for farms, with the drought remaining bad in plains areas far from irrigation canals.



Irish police under armed military guard search for clues at Dublin site where terrorists on Wednesday detonated the landmine that killed British Ambassador to Ireland Christopher Ewart-Biggs. (AP wirephoto)

Envoy's killers posed as electric linesmen

DUBLIN. — The cool assassins who killed British Ambassador Christopher Ewart-Biggs wandered freely outside his home for days disguised as power repairmen while they prepared the bomb assassination, police said.

Officers investigating Wednesday's killing said on Friday that the bombers had watched in the fields in front of the residence, Glencairn House, until they figured out how to set up the hit. Their disguise as employees of the state-run Electricity Board was a perfect cover when they laid out 200 metres of wire to a culvert along the road over which Ewart-Biggs drove every day.

They then linked the wire to a 100-kg. landmine and, police said, were able to watch the Ambassador's automobile all the way from his front gate to the culvert when they set off the mine. The blast killed Ewart-Biggs and a woman secretary, and injured two other people in the car.

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Schoolbus suspect surrenders

CHOWCHILLA, California. — The Federal Bureau of Investigation yesterday joined a nationwide search for two men wanted in the kidnapping of 26 schoolchildren and their bus driver, after a third man sought in the case surrendered.

Richard Allen Schoenfeld, 22, walked into the Oakland office of the Alameda County district attorney Friday and surrendered. He was accompanied by his father, a prominent podiatrist, and a lawyer.

A few hours later, federal and local arrest warrants were issued for Schoenfeld, his brother James L. 24, and Frederick N. Woods IV, 24, son of the owner of the rock quarry where the kidnap victims were imprisoned for 18 hours last week.

The local warrants include 27 counts of kidnapping and 16 of armed robbery.

The federal warrants charge James Schoenfeld and Woods — both described as "armed and dangerous" — with unlawful flight to avoid prosecution.

Chowchilla Justice Court judge Howard Green signed the local arrest warrants, which set bail for the three at \$1m. each.

Charles Bates, special agent in charge of the FBI's San Francisco office, said that "Investigations conducted by the local authorities indicate that Woods and Schoenfeld had fled the state."

In Oakland, district attorney Lowell Jensen said the armed robbery charges involved trinkets and clothing taken from the children during the kidnapping.

The children and their driver were kidnapped July 15 from a school-bus taking them home after summer school classes. They were imprisoned in a moving-van buried in an Alameda County rock quarry before they clawed their way out.

No ransom demand was received, but reports published in two newspapers on Friday said investigators had found a rough draft of a ransom note demanding \$5m. (AP)

Too many husbands

LONDON. — Scotland Yard is seeking a woman who has more than 50 husbands living in Britain.

She married for money, not love, a Yard spokesman said yesterday, explaining that she is believed to be part of a major racket involving illegal immigrants.

The woman is thought to have been paid £100 (£14,400) a time to marry 50 or more illegal immigrants seeking permanent residence in Britain, said a police spokesman. She allegedly used wigs and other disguises on regular visits to various London-area registry offices as she wed, under fictitious names, immigrants from India, Egypt, Cyprus, Turkey and other countries.

The husbands met their bride only once for the ceremony and then the happy couple parted, the police spokesman said. (AP)

Nixon sells Fla. White House

MIAMI. — Former President Richard Nixon has sold his last piece of property in the Key Biscayne compound which once served as the Florida White House, an attorney said Friday.

The four-bedroom waterfront house sold for \$390,000, he said. Nixon purchased the property in 1960 for \$128,000. (AP)

pledging that challenges to the authority of the government would be met "firmly."

Eanes won last month's presidential election by a landslide with the backing of the Socialists and named Soares premier. The Communists and extreme left did very badly in the vote.

Soares had rejected opposition appeals for a broad-based coalition government. His 17-member cabinet includes 11 Socialists, along with six independents and moderate military men with close links to Eanes.

Opposition leaders have criticized several members of Soares' cabinet as having few qualifications. But among the opposition only the Communists have mentioned openly fighting Soares' government, warning specifically that labour unrest will result from the Communists' exclusion from the cabinet.

Meanwhile, on Friday, a powerful explosive tore through the Lisbon headquarters of the Portuguese-East German Friendship Association, blowing out windows, toppling walls but causing no injuries. The explosion was the latest in a series of attacks against property and organizations linked to Marxist governments.

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Uganda cuts power to western Kenya

NAIROBI. — Uganda has cut off electricity to Kenya from its Owen Falls power station on the Nile, the official Kenya News Agency (KNA) said on Friday.

The move follows what landlocked Uganda calls a blockade on oil supplies sent up from Kenya's Indian Ocean port of Mombasa.

Kenya says there is no blockade. It is simply demanding advance payment in its currency, for oil from the Mombasa refinery.

Uganda cited the oil shortage when it said on Thursday that power supplies could be interrupted from Owen Falls, which is located where Lake Victoria spills over into the White Nile.

A Ugandan military spokesman said the oil shortage had caused servicing problems at Owen Falls. Parts of western Kenya get electricity from the project, and KNA quoted a Kenyan official as saying Uganda now had apparently disconnected them.

Sources said, however, that Kenya

had generating capacity to make up the loss.

Kenya's meanwhile are fleeing Uganda on foot as the nation's transport system begins to grind to a halt because of the petrol shortage, the daily "Nation" reported yesterday.

The newspaper said refugees reaching the Kenyan border town of Busia report that more than 1,000 persons are attempting to make their way to safety in Kenya under harassment from Ugandan troops.

Officials in Busia say 416 Kenyans have returned from Uganda since Monday, but that they represent only a small fraction of those fleeing the country, who do not bother to register at the frontier.

Recent arrivals reported that about 70 Kenyans were arrested last Sunday at Kilgumbo, about 225 km. from the capital of Kampala.

They told the "Nation" of day and night harassment by Ugandan troops who carried out night raids on the homes of Kenyans, mainly aimed at netting men. (Reuters, AP)

Louder voice for Amin

LONDON. — A British firm has built a \$100,000 (E11.4m) mobile broadcasting station for President Idi Amin of Uganda that will enable him to address his people from anywhere in the country, "The Daily Telegraph" reported yesterday.

The paper said the three-ton, bullet-proof station is to be flown to Uganda in the next few days. It is equipped with two high-power transmitters for broadcasting on medium and short-wave bands, a generator, and tape machines.

Amin uses official Ugandan radio not only for addressing his people but for conducting his sometimes fiery style of international diplomacy, the broadcasts being monitored in neighbouring countries.

One such country, Kenya, has been having a war of words with Amin since the July 4 Israeli rescue raid that freed more than 100 hijack hostages held at Uganda's Entebbe airport. (AP)

'Ford taps more than Nixon did'

WASHINGTON. — The chairman of the House Investigations Subcommittee said on Friday that the Ford administration has asked the American Telephone and Telegraph Company to install many more wiretaps than the Nixon Administration had.

"We've seen a marked, dramatic increase under Ford," declared Rep. John Moss, Democrat-California. "Who is he tapping? Why the escalation?"

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Hope fades for stable Rome gov't

ROME. — Christian Democrat hopes of forming a majority coalition all but died on Friday with the decision of two traditional allies to abstain in a vote of confidence rather than support the new government.

The Republican Party and the Social Democrats both announced their decision to abstain.

The pivotal Socialist Party has not taken an official position, but members have made it clear they will not support a government that attempts to keep the Communists in the opposition.

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AFTER TIE WITH FRANCE

Israel's footballers at the Olympic Games today meet one of the world's top-notch amateur eleven when they take the field against Brazil in Toronto at 10 p.m. Israel time.

The national team won through to the quarter-finals on Friday night by a fully-earned draw against France in a sparkling performance that only a converted penalty stopped from ending in victory.

Playing without first-stringers Lev and Oz, who were suspended after being sent off the field in the match against Mexico, the Israelis played a confident, cool game, featuring a tight defence. They were marginally the better team, and the French had their goals Jean-Claude Larrieu, to thank for holding the Israelis back for 75 minutes.

The break came half an hour into the second half, when Itzhak Peretz deftly beat a defender on the left and scored with a low drive.

Five minutes later, however, the French were level after Michel Platini netted a spot-kick after Eli Leventhal tackled László Kiss inside the penalty area a split second after the French forward had got rid of the ball.

In contrast to Israel's scuffle with Mexico, the play was clean and good-tempered throughout, with a spontaneous exchange of shouts drawing enthusiastic applause from the crowd of 13,000.

Earlier, Poland, the defending champions, clinched their expected place in the quarter-finals by beating Iran, 3-2. But the Iranians also enter the last eight as second-placed in Group C.

East Germany beat Spain 1-0 to qualify from Group A earlier in the day. The other team from this group to qualify is Brazil. The other two teams are the USSR and North Korea.

The biggest surprise of the evening was the fine play of Jimmy Turk and Avi Cohen, the two forwards who replaced the suspended Oz and Lev.



Four-time gold medal winner Kornelia Ender of East Germany stands smiling on top platform as team-mate Andrea Pollack, who won silver in the 100-metre butterfly event, on Thursday night, congratulates bronze medalist Wendy Boglioli of the U.S. (AP)

E. German, Mexican
win first athletics gold

Angela Voigt, a 25-year-old East German, won the first gold medal in track and field at the 1976 Olympics, capturing the women's long jump with a leap of 22 feet, one-half inch on Friday. Kathy McMillan of the U.S. was second at 21 10/16 and Lidiya Alkayeva of the Soviet Union finished third at 21 7/16.

The second place by the 18-year-old Miss McMillan was the first time the U.S. had won a medal in the women's long jump since 1956.

The only other final Friday was the gruelling 20 km. walk. Daniel Bautista won the event in Olympic record time of 1 hour, 24 minutes, 40.8 seconds, becoming the first Mexican in history to win an Olympic track and field gold medal.

Hans Reimann was second and Peter Frenkel was third. Frenkel set the mark of 1:26:43 in winning the gold medal in the Munich Olympics.

Earlier, shotputter Alexei Baryshnikov of the Soviet Union and women's javelin thrower Marion Beckner of West Germany broke Olympic records.

The burly Baryshnikov, who set the world amateur shot put record of 72 feet, 2 3/4 in. 10 days ago with his new, spinning style, bettered the games' mark with a toss of 69-11 1/2.

The old Olympic record was 69-3 by Wladyslaw Komar of Poland in 1972.

Miss Becker, unranked among the top 10 javelin throwers in the world, unleashed a toss of 210 feet, 5 in., cracking the Olympic mark of 209-7 established by Ruth Fuchs of East Germany four years ago.

But John Walker of New Zealand, the world's premier miler and the overwhelming favourite in the 1,500-metre race, failed in a bid to equal the 800 and 1,500-metre double accomplished by his countryman Peter Snell at the 1968 games. The disappointed Walker failed to advance through the first round of the men's 800-metre qualifying, finishing third in his heat.

Harry Glance, U.S., turned in the fastest clocking in the men's 100-metre dash — the race that determines the world's fastest human — qualifying for the semifinals. Glance was timed at 10.29 seconds despite what he said was a bad start.

Russia's Valery Borzov, winner of the 100 and 200 at the 1972 Olympics, qualified at 10.39.

Steve Riddick, U.S., ran 10.38 and Johnny Jones, U.S., clocked 10.46. Other qualifiers included Jamaica's Don Quarrie and Trinidad's Hasley Crawford. But Cuba's Silvio Leonard, considered among the favourites, failed to advance.

Leonard, winner of the Pan American games' 100-metre dash, reportedly was hampered by a seven-inch cut on his ankle, an injury incurred at the Olympic village.

MEDAL WINNERS

THURSDAY

Medals won Thursday, listed by gold, silver and bronze in each category:

Women's Gymnastics: Balance beam — Nadia Comaneci, Rumania; Olga Korbut, USSR; Marta Egervari, Hungary.

Uneven parallel bars — Nadia Comaneci, Rumania; Teodora Ungureanu, Rumania; Marta Egervari, Hungary.

Vault — Nellie Kim, USSR; Ludmila Tourischeva, USSR; Karola Dombeck, E. Germany.

Floor exercises — Nellie Kim, USSR; Ludmila Tourischeva, USSR; Nadia Comaneci, Rumania.

Swimming: Men's 400 metre freestyle — Brian Goodell, U.S.; Tim Shaw, U.S.; Victor Raskatov, USSR.

Men's 400 metre medley relay — U.S. (John Naber, John Hencken, Matt Vogel, Jim Montgomery); Canada; W. Germany.

Women's 100 metre butterfly — Kornelia Ender, E. Germany; Andrea Pollack, E. Germany; Wendy Boglioli, U.S.

Women's 200 metre freestyle — Kornelia Ender, E. Germany; Shirley Babashoff, U.S.; Enith Brigitha, Netherlands.

Diving: Men's three-metre springboard — Phil Boggs, U.S.; Franco Kagnotto, Italy; Aleksander Kosenkov, USSR.

Modern Pentathlon: Team — Britain, Czechoslovakia, Hungary.

Individual — Janusz Fyciak-Paciak, Poland; Pavel Lednev, USSR.

Fencing: Sabre, individual — Viktor Kropovotkov, Vladimir Nazlymov, and Viktor Sidak, all USSR.

Weightlifting: Middleweight — Yordan Mitkov, Bulgaria; Vartan

Militosian, USSR; Peter Wenzel, E. Germany.

Cycling: Individual pursuit — Gregor Braun, W. Germany; Herman Ponsteen, Netherlands; Thomas Huschke, E. Germany.

FRIDAY

Women's Long Jump — Angela Voigt, E. Germany; Kathy McMillan, U.S.; Lidiya Alkayeva, Russia.

20,000 meter walk — Daniel Bautista, Mexico; Hans Reimann, E. Germany; Peter Frenkel, E. Germany.

Gymnastics, men's side horse — Zoltan Magyar, Hungary; Elzo Kemmotsu, Japan; Nikolai Andrianov, Russia; and Michael Nikolay, East Germany, tied.

Men's horizontal bar — Mitsuo Tsukahara, Japan, Elzo Kemmotsu, Japan, Henri Boerio, France, and Eberhard Gienger, West Germany, tied.

Men's parallel bar — Sawao Kato, Japan; Nikolai Andrianov, Russia; Mitsuo Tsukahara, Japan.

Men's Long Horse — Nikolai Andrianov, Russia; Mitsuo Tsukahara, Japan; Tiroshi Kajoyama, Japan.

Men's Rings — Nikolai Andrianov, Russia; Alexander Ditiatin, Russia; Danut Grecu, Rumania.

Men's floor exercises — Nikolai Andrianov, Russia; Vladimir Marchenko, Russia; Peter Kormann, U.S.

Shooting, running game target — Alexander Borzov, Russia; Alexander Kedyrov, Russia; Jerzy Grekiewicz, Poland.

Rapid fire pistol — Norbert Klar, E. Germany; Jurgen Wiesel, E. Germany; Roberto Ferrari, Italy.

Fencing, sabre — Alexander Fusch, W. Germany; Juergen Huhn, W. Germany; Gyozo Kulcsar, Hungary.

Weightlifting — Jerzy Grekiewicz, Poland.

Soviet women win
hoop championship

Russia clinched the gold medal in Olympic women's basketball on Friday night with awesome Iuliya Semanova leading a 112-77 rout of the U.S. quintet.

Semenova, the Soviets' 2.13-metre centre, scored 32 points and caught 19 rebounds in 24 minutes of action.

The Americans are still in the running for a medal. They could clinch a bronze by defeating Czechoslovakia in their final game today. If they beat the Czechs and Russia defeats Japan, the U.S. could take the silver.

Soviet sabres make
a clean sweep

Russia became the first country in 24 years to sweep Olympic sabre fencing when Viktor Kropovotkov took the gold medal, Vladimir Nazlymov the silver, and 1972 gold medalist Viktor Sidak the bronze in competition on Thursday.

Nazlymov lost only to Kropovotkov and Sidak lost only to his two countrymen as the Russians wiped out the other three finalists. (AP)

West Germany, after reaching the men's epee finals for the first time since 1908, celebrated the occasion on Friday night by winning both the gold and silver medals. (Reuter)



Russia's Olga Korbut, left, smiles along with Nadia Comaneci of Rumania as the two gymnasts receive silver and gold medals respectively after the balance beam event Thursday night. (AP)

Nadia shares last day's
gold with Soviet rival

Rumania's sensational 15-year-old gymnast, Nadia Comaneci, turned in two more perfect scores for another brace of gold medals on Thursday night, but for the first time she had to share the glitter. The Soviet Union's Nellie Kim also won two events — and scored a no less perfect 10 in one of them — the floor exercise.

It was Miss Kim's second flawless performance of the Games, but the sixth and seventh for "Miss Perfection" — this time in the individual uneven bars and the beam. The 19-year-old Soviet star's second gold medal came in the vault with a near-perfect score of 9.95. Her first perfect score was in Wednesday's all-around competition.

But the crowd of 16,000 at the Montreal Forum reserved its warmest ovation for Russia's Olga Korbut, the darling of the 1972 Munich Games, who won her only individual medal — a silver — on the balance beam, only one-hundredth of a point behind Miss Comaneci. Her earlier gold had come as a member of the winning women's team.

The Rumanian girl's performance capped a week in which she emerged as the world's greatest woman gymnast and a media superstar. She won a total of three gold medals, a silver and two bronzes.

The crowd's response to 21-year-old Olga Korbut's silver medal was partly emotional — the crowd remembered her as the undisputed gymnastics since 1932.

Japan, which won four of the seven individual medals at Munich in 1972, collected only two this time. Sawao Kato won the parallel bars and Mitsuo Tsukahara was best on the horizontal bars.

Peter Kormann earned a bronze in the floor exercise — the first medal the U.S. has won in men's gymnastics since 1932.

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BACKGROUND REPORT

The Egged-Dan merger: Transport Minister is now opposed

By YITZHAK OKED

The merger of the Egged and Dan bus cooperatives has been discussed for a long time, with the Transport Ministry favouring the move and the cooperatives blowing hot and cold as the spirit moved them.

Egged and Dan seem about to take the final steps towards partnership now, but in the meantime the Transport Ministry has developed cold feet.

The Jerusalem Post has learned reliably that Transport Minister Gad Yasa'el, one of the initiators of the merger, has had second thoughts. The change is apparently due mainly to the big Egged strike in January. Dan, at the time, did not join the strike. This alleviated most of the pressure created in the area of Greater Tel Aviv.

Ministry officials today are of the opinion that it is in the best interest of the public to have at least two bus cooperatives, instead of one giant one.

Other reasons for second thoughts at the Ministry are the internal political bickering inside Egged, which prevents the cooperative from functioning properly. Also, the cooperative's very bad financial condition, which seems to be getting worse all the time, is an important factor.

As Egged's plans stand now, its highest executive body, which has 120 members, will discuss the merger at the beginning of August.

If it approves the partnership, the Dan cooperative will then call a general meeting of all its members in a matter of days, to approve or reject the proposal.

The Jerusalem Post learned from both of the cooperatives that the partnership will most likely be approved by the two sides.

If the partnership is approved, it will go into effect at the beginning of September. Then the secretaries of the two cooperatives will work together (seven men of Egged and six of Dan) trying to run the two cooperatives as one body.

Parallel to this the lawyers of the two cooperatives will try to find a legal solution so that the two bodies will be able to merge formally.

It is estimated that by the beginning of next year such a formal solution will be found. An official merger proposal will then be brought for the approval of all the members of both cooperatives.

Concerning the planned sale of the United Tours Company to the Dan cooperative, Ministry of Transport officials told The Jerusalem Post last week that they had asked Dan for details, especially where they would get the money to buy the company.

From the Dan cooperative The Jerusalem Post learned that talks between the two companies have been going on for over a year. "Sometimes it gets warm, sometimes it cools off, now we are warm," a Dan official said.

Dan is willing to pay IL\$5m. for the 90 buses of United Tours, their offices, a large parking lot and garage in Herzliya, and their line between Tel Aviv and the Herzliya seashore. The money is to come from the sale of real estate owned by the cooperative. Dan, however, demands to receive the buses without the workers.

A United Tours official admitted to The Jerusalem Post that this was one of the main reasons agreement had not yet been reached. "Our workers do not agree to this," he said.

Asked why United Tours wanted to sell, the official said: "Because the Government isn't allowing us to develop and grow."

Truck tires worn beyond safe limit

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER

The Jerusalem Post reported that almost 14 per cent of the tires on heavy trucks are worn for safe use, a recent survey by the Technion's Road Safety Centre found.

Broken down by individual truck, the survey showed that 46 per cent of them had at least one tire worn beyond the safe limit.

The survey was carried out on a sample of 100 trucks of over 14 tons of the 10,300 of that size in the country.

The experts found that 20 per cent of the tires were ready to be replaced. The trucks even used the retreads on their front wheels.

Checking the air pressure of tires the investigators found that in 64 per cent of the trucks at least one tire was considerably below standard. In 40 per cent of loaded trucks the load was found to be ten per cent above the capacity of the tires.

World's most expensive car

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Stutz Motor Company of America recently unveiled its Stutz d'Italia, a convertible priced at \$100,000 (IL\$12,000), and promoted as "the most expensive car in the world."

At this astronomical price level it tops Rolls Royce's recently announced Camargue, which retails for only \$90,000 (IL\$730,000).

Since 1969 Stutz has marketed more than 200 of its modern version of the 1920s Stutz Black Hawk at prices beginning with \$50,000 (IL\$406,000).

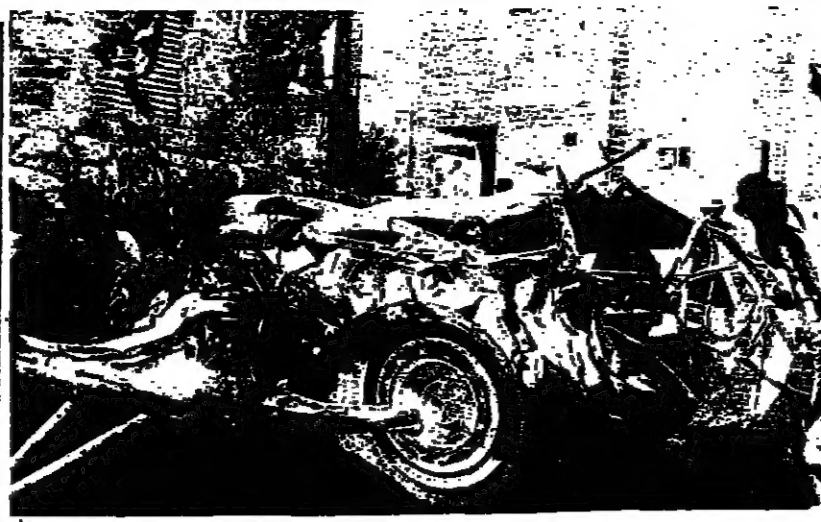
The Rolls Royce Camargue will come off the production line in England at the rate of 100 a year.

But only ten Stutz d'Italia models will be handcrafted in Italy annually. They will have mink or chinchilla carpeting and a dashboard with 24-carat gold fittings.

SAFETY LESSONS

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Lessons in road safety were given to some 20,000 elementary school pupils of grade five and six by 40 police instructors during the school year just ended. The well-established programme of pupils regulating traffic at crosswalks near school entrances was operated by 560 elementary schools.



(Barzilai)

Seven persons were killed in Jerusalem on Friday in a collision between a bus and a taxi from the Gaza Strip. Two passengers in the taxi were seriously injured, and the bus driver was injured slightly. The collision occurred shortly after six a.m., at the intersection of Barzilai and Zefania streets. The bus, coming up the slope, was making a left turn into Zefania, while the taxi came down Barzilai from the opposite direction. It is believed the collision took place just as the traffic lights were changing. The entire left side of the taxi was crushed under the bus.

Traffic deaths up at mid-year after earlier down trend

By ERNIE MEYER

Forty-three persons were killed in road accidents during June. This brings the total of traffic fatalities since the beginning of the year to 282, seven more than during the same period last year, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported recently.

The year started out auspiciously, with January ending with ten fewer fatalities than January of 1975. The trend continued, with 17 fewer fatalities in February and 19 fewer in March. By the end of April this year's lead over 1975 was down to 14.

With May, however, the trend was reversed. The month ended with six more people killed on the road since the beginning of the year (249) than at the same time of last year. June brought the negative balance up to seven.

Traffic officials are careful not to draw conclusions from statistics covering short periods, such as a few months or even half a year. They know from experience that one accident, such as the crash of an excursion bus in Tiberias during May, in which 13 people died, can upset all their figures. In fact it was this tragic accident which reversed this year's statistics of fatalities from a positive to a negative balance.

Some officials hold, however, that there may be an educational element in keeping drivers aware even of short-term trends in fatality statistics. The reasoning is that motorists may increase their watchfulness encouraged by the knowledge of the downward trend in fatalities.

Israeli car thieves can teach U.S. crooks a lesson

By ARTHUR KEMELMAN

TEL AVIV.—American car thieves can learn a thing or two from their Israeli counterparts. Figures recently released by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (published in the July 11 issue of The Jerusalem Post) reveal that one out of every 128 automobiles in the U.S. was stolen in 1974.

In Israel, car thieves are four times more productive. Police statistics for 1975 show that approximately one out of every 35 vehicles is stolen each year. And the 1975 figures were actually down from those of 1974.

Despite the difference in productivity, there are similarities in the patterns of theft. As in America, many of the cars here are stolen by amateurs for joy-riding. Many of the thieves in both countries are juveniles. Some of the stolen cars are used in committing crimes.

But here the similarities end. According to official estimates about 25 per cent of car thefts in the U.S. are by organized rings consisting of professional thieves, body shops and dealers selling the cars with fraudulent documents.

Israeli thieves have not yet achieved this degree of organization. On the other hand, there is a substantial increase in thefts of various parts of automobiles. While car thefts have dropped over the last two years, the number of parts stolen from cars has increased from 11,500 in 1973 to 20,500 in 1975.

There is a suspicion, at least in police circles, that the thefts may be carried out not on an incidental basis but rather according to specific orders from private individuals who have the "right connections."

Photos help motorist wiggle out of summons

By ARTHUR KEMELMAN

TEL AVIV.—A freelance photographer Lester Milman not only earns his living with his camera but occasionally they come in useful too when arguing with the police.

Several weeks ago, Milman, driving his Volkswagen, made a left turn and smashed into another car at the Derech Herzliya-Esser Tahanot intersection. The police arrived soon and in the course of the proceedings took his licence from him on the spot and cancelled it for 60 days.

He appealed the decision. In a letter to the police he claimed that the directional arrows on the street were badly painted and confusingly laid out. "I was positive that it was legal to make a left turn," he wrote. To back up his argument he



Poor road markings at the Derech Herzliya-Esser Tahanot intersection in Tel Aviv.

submitted photographs of the intersection and the arrows as seen by a driver.

A week later he went to the police traffic division on Derech Lod — his wife drove — to see what had happened to the appeal. The policeman on duty told him: "If you didn't get an answer, then no answer is the answer."

Milman asked to see someone else and was directed to another police official "with a lot of metal on his shoulder". When the photographer

walked into his room to explain, he was greeted with: "You're the fellow who photographed the intersection. We've decided to give you back your licence."

Milman gladly accepted it and drove the family car home. The pleasure of receiving his licence back was exceeded only by his satisfaction on seeing on the way home that the directional arrows at the intersection had been properly painted in. Milman couldn't resist stopping to photograph them again.

The motor car has been described as "an ideology on four wheels"

The automobile invades Russia

By JOHN DOERNBERG

MUNICH.—"The automobile," said U.S. Deputy Secretary of State George Ball once said, "is an ideology on four wheels."

That may have been what Nikita Khrushchev feared when he opposed the mass production of private cars in the Soviet Union in the early 1960s.

Khrushchev no doubt envisioned a people suddenly mobile and no longer subject to authoritarian direction and imbued with distasteful "capitalist" notions of private ownership.

Moreover, he was horrified by the traffic nightmares he had seen during his 1959 visit to the United States and returned home waxing indignant about the spectre of private motorization. "Why should a man have to worry about where to park his car?" the Soviet leader asked, inadvertently raising one of the crucial questions of modern times.

"Besides," he said, "people are not vagabonds. Most of the time they work, eat and sleep, and then the automobile stands idle. We consider it unwise to have many unnecessary cars."

Khrushchev stonewalled mass manufacturing of automobiles for private use in the Soviet Union, advocating, instead, a vast nationwide rental car and taxi system. His successors as party chief and prime minister, Leonid Brezhnev and Alexei Kosygin, decided to reverse his policy, and head the USSR toward the automobile age.

Production by international standards is still modest — one million cars annually, or one for every 250th Soviet man, woman and child. At the beginning of this year there were in all the Russian lands three million passenger cars of which less than three-fourths were privately owned — compared to 90 million in the U.S.

But even at that, the old ideological debate seems to have reopened and some Soviet ideologists now have second thoughts and wonder whether, perhaps, both Khrushchev and George Ball weren't right after all.

Last year the Soviet Sociological Association established a special department to investigate the social impact of motorization, which published its first report recently.

"Motorization affects personality formation," said Professor V.T. Yefimov of Moscow's Highway Institute, the head of the new department. "The growing number of private cars may awaken individualistic tendencies not compatible with the nature of our society or its moral principles and standards."

Dr. I.I. Travin, of the Academy of Sciences' Sociological Research Institute, was even more candid. "Mass motorization," he said, "leads to certain negative socio-psychological phenomena. Some people equate car ownership with social prestige. This sometimes induces them to ignore other social requirements to save money for a car. Owning a car also leads to individualistic, anti-social behaviour, such as claims on 'my' parking spot, and to aggravated interpersonal conflicts."

The report also expressed concern about the economic impact such as the labour, equipment and material costs of providing more and better roads, service stations and repair facilities to cope with the increase in cars.

And Professor Boris Urianis, a prominent Soviet demographer who is preoccupied with the USSR's declining birthrate, expressed his concern about what the high accident rate will do to the already troublesome population balance.

Though no accurate overall figures are available, the fatality rate is unofficially reported to be higher than in the U.S. where there are running then.

30 times as many cars on the roads as in the USSR.

Alcohol causes more than half of all Soviet traffic accidents and as a factor has increased by an average 168 percent since 1971. The number of accidents caused by poor road conditions has increased by more than 40 percent in recent years and in some areas of the country poor road conditions account for up to half of the traffic fatalities. In urban areas undisciplined pedestrians, especially jaywalkers who flock like chickens on the streets of Moscow and Leningrad, account for half of all traffic mishaps.

Not all the researchers were against private cars and one, in making his points in favour, intentionally or unintentionally, touched on the core of Soviet economic problems in general — the lack of incentives. The growing availability of private cars may serve as an important labour incentive, he said. People who flock like chickens on the streets of Moscow and Leningrad, account for half of all traffic mishaps.

No one came out openly in favour of a return to the Khrushchev plan of of supplementing car production with a crash effort to expand the mass public transportation system.

Professor Travin said that the "collective tendencies" of car ownership should be furthered. By that he meant "clubs of motorists" using the same "cooperative garages," paid for by the motorists themselves.

Given the nature of the system, one can understand why the Kremlin worries about "individualistic trends." But why the urgent concern? At the current rate of production, it will take 87 years before the USSR has as many private cars as the U.S. today — provided those now on Soviet streets and those built meanwhile will still be running then.

WALL STREET WEEK

Market sluggish

NEW YORK.—Stock traders put their hopes for a summer rally on hold this past week as the market settled into a flat, sluggish pattern.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks slipped 2.30 points to 990.91, chalking up successive daily readings of down 2, down 2, up 1, up 1, and down a fraction.

Standard and Poor's 500-stock index lost .62 to 104.06, and the New York Stock Exchange composite index of more than 1,500 common stocks dropped 0.31 to 55.63.

Big Board volume tailed off sharply to a daily average of 17.37m. shares from 23.20m. the week before.

The week's economic news seemed to match the market's mood — not too bad, not too good.

The U.S. government reported that the growth rate of the Gross National Product slowed to 4.4 per cent in the second quarter, after adjustment for inflation, from 9.2 per cent in the first three months of the year. The figure was close in line with economists' forecasts.

The Labour Department's Consumer Price Index rose 0.5 per cent in June — a better showing than the 0.6 per cent increase recorded for May, but as good as the 0.3 per cent monthly average from January through April.

Durable-goods orders posted a 1.2 per cent rise last month, compared with a 3.8 per cent gain the month before.

A bit of speculation made the rounds late in the week that a

prime-rate reduction might be in the offing.

But New York's Citibank, which often sets the industry trend on the prime, stilled those hopes, holding the basic charge on business loans at 7 1/4 per cent.

There was brisk activity in some individual stocks, naturally, with the season for second-quarter earnings reports at its height.

Both Eastman Kodak and Polaroid, for example, encountered squalls of selling when the quarterly earnings-gain they reported didn't measure up to some advance Wall Street estimates.

The weekly tally of NYSE-listed issues showed 677 gainers and 1,090 losers among the 2,054 traded.

New highs for the year numbered 134 against 38 new lows.

At the American Stock Exchange, the Market Value Index fell 1.37 to 104.65.

The Associated Press 50-stock average was down 1.2 at 318.3. (AP)

Dollar up, gold down

LONDON.—The dollar edged ahead again on major European currency markets on Friday, but gold fell.

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BACK IN FOCUS

LAST week's speeches by presidents Assad of Syria and Sadat of Egypt and the news out of Washington of an American reassessment of the significance of the Palestine Liberation Organization in the Arab-Israel conflict would all seem to indicate a gradual return to a more correct perspective on the dispute.

The Arab-Israel dispute, as its name has always implied, is basically between Israel and the Arab world as represented primarily by the confrontation states and some of the "crazy states" on the periphery such as Libya. The issue is not Israel's retention of the lands it conquered in 1967 nor the rights of the Arab population in these lands to national self-determination — issues which did not exist prior to 1967 — but the Arab world's unreadiness to concede that there is room for non-Arab states and societies in what it prefers to view as the purely Arab, heartland of the Middle East and North Africa.

Injection of the Palestinian motif was a successful propaganda ploy of the past seven years which was meant to undermine Israel's position as a beleaguered underdog deserving of support. The Palestinian strategy sought to cast Israel in the role of the intransigent neo-colonialist power oppressing the "new Jews of the Middle East" — the hapless Palestinians.

The role of the Palestinian organizations in Lebanon in the past year has done much to undo that laboriously contrived image. Now Assad would seem to have finished the job.

The decline of the PLO cannot, however, eclipse the fact of the existence of a Palestinian Arab population. The message that should be brought home to this population as a result of the failure of the PLO is that, as ever before, the "solution" of the Palestinian problem lies in the hands of Israel.

There are many possible solutions of the communal and individual problems of this population: various degrees of autonomy under Israel or Jordan, and various degrees of independence on the West Bank. All such possible solutions are dependent on Israeli agreement; none of these solutions will ever come to fruition unless they are part of an accord with Israel.

The tragedy of the Palestinians is that they have been unable to raise up a leadership from within their midst which was ready to recognize and make its peace with this essential aspect of Middle Eastern reality.

The result has been that the unstable leaderships of the surrounding confrontation states have used the Palestinian cause as a front to advance their own interests in the vicious infighting which passes for regional politics in the Arab Middle East. Assad and Sadat in their speeches last week served notice of their intention to continue with this Arab politics as usual.

Israel would disregard the references to Syria's and Egypt's continued enmity to the Jewish State at its peril. We should be grateful, however, that in their speeches Assad and Sadat brought the conflict back into perspective — namely that Syria and Egypt, and not the Palestinians, are the real heart of the dispute. The Palestinian problem is the payment that the warring and disunited Arab world continues to be ready to pay for the luxury of its hostility to Israel.

The billboard menace

IN ISRAEL'S pell-mell dash towards commercialism in the last decade, the nation was able, in some areas, to retain some standards. One such was to prevent advertising billboards from disfiguring the country's roads. With the beginnings of the post-recession prosperity after 1967 there was a danger that our roads would soon resemble the shambles of many American highways.

The then Minister of Labour, Yigal Allon, in charge of the Public Works Department, was instrumental in clearing the mushroom-like billboards from Israel's roads.

But now there is growing evidence that a flagging of governmental vigilance is ushering in an illegal but unchallenged return of the billboard. The first step was a clear flouting of the rules by the Government itself — when it placed gigantic signs advertising the impending arrival of VAT. This has now been followed by an advertising campaign for a new soft drink and by some other enterprising firms.

The Ministry of Labour, which must be credited with the original initiative for keeping Israel's highways visually clean, should now continue with the job it has done so well and rid the highways of the latest attempt at pollution.

ISRAEL PRESS

HATZOFER (National Religious, mentioning the current talks in Damascus between leaders of the Syrian regime and the P.L.O.'s delegation, remarks: "The Palestinian terrorist organizations are now in dire straits — defeated in battle, and lacking any real military or political aid from within the Arab camp. The inter-Arab consensus precludes cessation of the controversy."

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Eliezer Kroll, an aliya emissary in the U.S., tells Post reporter Judy Siegel that the shlichim do a better job than the Israel public is led to believe.

THE ONES who go wrong have given the public an image of the aliya emissary as one who got his job through political connections and knows nothing about the country he's going to. Motivated by a longing to escape the pressure of Israel, he will come home (if he doesn't emigrate) counting the electrical appliances in his life and not the immigrants he inspired to come.

But this image, according to an American-born shlichik reputed to be among the best, is much distorted. "Shlichim are generally maligned characters," asserts Eliezer Kroll. "They do a job. Some do it better, some with less success, but all work damn hard at it."

Kroll, a New Yorker who immigrated to Israel in 1949, joined a kibbutz and worked for Keren Hayesod, was first recommended for shlichim by the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel in 1968. After two years of service in New York, he returned to Jerusalem to head the American desk of the World Zionist Organization's aliya department. In 1974, he left again with his family to head the Israel Aliya Centre in Miami, Florida (he is the shlichik for Florida, Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina, the income states of 800,000 Jews). Satisfying as his work is, he is looking forward to coming home next year.

"The shlichik must be a social worker, psychologist, public relations man, financial expert and public speaker all rolled into one," says Kroll, on a brief home leave in Jerusalem. "The worst answer he can give to a potential client is: 'Don't worry, it'll be all right.' A person planning aliya hesitates and has questions — he may not even know what to ask. He needs assurance and an understanding of what will happen to him."

READERS' LETTERS

IMPROVING ABSORPTION PROCEDURES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — As I enter my sixth year in Israel, I read Philip Gellon's article on "Immigrant reformers" (July 16) and realized that little or nothing had changed in the outlook for aliya created by the Ministry of Absorption.

Jews are either pushed into aliya by despots and/or anti-Semitism (accounting, I feel, for probably 80 per cent of immigration), or pulled here by spiritual or Zionist conceptions. A small third group first come and try it without any particular expectations.

Precisely why the Ministry of Absorption continues to concentrate on tantalizing the material expectations of immigrants rather than their spiritual conceptions, I am not sure. Perhaps it is because the people running it cannot really understand why anyone from a western country should want to come and live here for only spiritual reasons, or perhaps their own ideology demands that these be translated into national materialism.

In any event, the final result is to hold out to each immigrant a box full of candies (or rights), which does not even carry the manufacturers' instructions on how to open it. The resulting situation is a calamity comprising time limits, incorrect statements by officials and the simple inability of government agencies to deliver the goods. Far from assisting in encouraging aliya, the so-called immigrants' rights have done much to sour olim and aliya.

My own judgment is that, if the Government would spend its mortgage money on more rental housing, give each immigrant a lump sum and income tax credit to be used up however and whenever he or she sees fit, and pass the administration of all loan awards to one or two major banks which would grant them within the framework of carefully stated regulations, then the rest of the problems such as work and education could be guided by the established Zionist Federations, which would still leave administration of absorption centres and ulpanim for the Jewish Agency. The Ministry of Absorption could then fade into the Treasury as a section budgeting costs. I have every confidence then of a better outlook for aliya.

PETER WISEBURGH
Jerusalem

SHUT DOWN UNNECESSARY ORGANIZATIONS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — Would somebody please explain to the average Israeli why we need, apart from the Government of Israel and its agencies, a host of organizations like the World Zionist Congress, the Jewish Agency, the World Jewish Congress and many other international Jewish bodies, each with its party key, its functionaries, its bureaucracies, its pension rights.

There may be a historical reason for some of these organizations, but surely, now that the Jewish State is 28 years old, they should have withered away. Their continued existence is due mainly to vested interests and results in a vast amount of overlap, duplication or triplication of efforts, and organizational infighting. There can be little doubt that many of these functionaries are just parasites on the body politic of the Jewish people, and the sooner we get rid of them, the better off we will be.

It is high time to shut down all unnecessary organizations and pension off all unnecessary functionaries.

DR. HARRY POLLAK
Nahariya

GROUSING ABOUT THE MEDIA

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — Too often, the Israeli TV spectator is disappointed by the notorious non-compliance of the Broadcasting Authority with the announced timetable. The viewer is compelled to lose his time watching something he is not interested in — sometimes for more than a quarter of an hour — in order not to miss the programme he has tuned in to see. Why cannot TV be as punctual as our radio?

I would like to take this opportunity to complain about the radio's decision to mix up the news broadcasts on the various channels. Before, one could hear the news every hour on the First Programme. Now, one must remember to switch channels at the right time. And must the radio constantly resort to that abominable custom of introducing broadcasts with a musical jingle — often the shameful use of scraps of classical works?

K. GRONEMANN
Haifa

Aliya emissary with a smile



Eliezer Kroll

Kroll concedes that he doesn't know how emissaries are chosen nowadays or whether the best possible candidates are sent abroad. It's not imperative for a shlichik in the U.S. to be a former American, he says, but if he's Israeli-born, his service must not be his first introduction to the country. Proficiency in the language is not enough; he must understand the mentality and motivation of aliya candidates. (He uses the pronoun "he" since there are very few female emissaries. The reasons are that wives and mothers usually can't spend the "60 hours or more a week" necessary, and single women have to worry about returning home alone from meetings late at night.)

When an aliya candidate comes for an interview, Kroll puts him at ease while trying to discover his reasons and aims. "One of my main jobs is not only to encourage people, but to dissuade people who shouldn't come on aliya," he says.

"The shlichik must be a social worker, psychologist, public relations man, financial expert and public speaker all rolled into one."

The percentage of "oddballs," criminals and runaways is low. But there are people who are uncommitted to Israel. "I may suggest that they come as tourists or on a summer programme, something with a built-in round-trip ticket. If they're searching, they may discover their motivation in Israel itself."

Despite reports from immigrants that their emissaries insisted they were "too old" or "too poor" to have a successful aliya, Kroll said he knows of no such cases. "If they are in their 40's or 50's, I must tell them what special difficulties in finding jobs that they may encounter. And if they have little money, I tell them they won't necessarily be able to live where they want. But I'd never tell them not to immigrate."

Kroll strenuously dismisses charges made by some that their emissary "lied" to them or "promised the impossible." Immigrants, he ex-

plains, "get information from many people — relatives, friends, Israelis abroad, as well as shlichim — and they don't always remember what they told them. They could easily remember the advice of a relative to 'take the Jewish Agency loan; they'll never bother to ask for the money back.'"

Living thousands of kilometres away from Israel for a few years make it difficult to know what current conditions are. The Agency, says Kroll, sends him a price list of 100 items every few months, so he can get an idea of the gallop of inflation. Reading The Jerusalem Post daily is also great help, he adds. He has visited almost every family preparing for aliya at their home, to advise them on what to take and what to sell or leave behind.

The emissary's wife is "almost as important as the shlichik himself" since she can give advice on schooling and running a household in Israel. "The wives should take a course before they leave just as their husbands do," insists Kroll.

"It's unrealistic and foolish," he maintains, to scrap the whole emissary system and hand it over to the American Jewish community. "Even though aliya isn't a dirty word anymore, I still don't think the Jewish organizations are serious about aliya. The shlichim must know how to use other people and get them to take a bigger part in the effort. But you need an informed Israeli to tell potential immigrants about the situation and possibilities in Israel."

Kroll recommends that Israeli representatives — not necessarily aliya emissaries — be sent to small American communities to maintain an "Israeli presence" and an address for Jews to learn about Israel. More subsidized rental housing would also be of great help for young immigrants who want to be mobile in Israel. Choosing all shlichim by public tender should be carefully investigated.

Kroll, who claims that "almost none" of the people he sent to Israel have returned to Miami, has gone out of his way to meet his former "clients." A shlichik who meets the olim he sent is bound to do a better job, he says. One family told him that they had no trouble being absorbed, from their stay in an absorption centre, to finding an apartment, to getting a job. "I wonder what went wrong," they wondered. "Why aren't we like other immigrants?"

ELECTIONS IN ZIONIST CONGRESS

The Zionist movement, it lacks the slightest semblance of democracy. I refer to the United States where, for many years, I participated, along with other Zionists, in elections to the World Zionist Congress. The shelihi, the one-time sacred symbol of the right to vote, was distributed helter skelter to many who duplicated their votes.

Another way must be found. But let's not abuse the already much maligned term, "democratic."

BERT GOLDSTEIN
Jerusalem

THE PERILS OF UNEMPLOYMENT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — There is no convincing evidence that a little dose of unemployment now prevents a more serious outbreak later. It is more likely to enhance it. In fact, the British got mass unemployment through measures which were supposed to prevent it. Here in Israel, the deflationary measures which led to the depression of 1966 — 1967 were similarly advocated in order to produce a little short-term unemployment as prevention of a more serious outbreak. Unemployment, like inflation, easily gets out of control.

Unemployment is bad not only for the unemployed, but also for the economy as a whole. For those affected, there is nothing more demoralizing. The economy needs to narrow the gap between what we produce and what we consume. The unemployed do not produce but have to eat.

Moreover we need higher productivity. Where orders are lacking, both management and men have an interest in dragging out the work rather than laying off skilled men who will be difficult to replace later. We need to redeploy the labour force, but if few workers are going to look for better jobs if there is growing unemployment, we need aliya to secure our future; unemployment will not encourage aliya.

KENNETH L. COHEN
Jerusalem

SEXISM AT MINISTRY OF TOURISM

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — I would like to bring to your attention a major oversight of the Ministry of Tourism and the World Zionist Organization in the preparation of their Pilgrim Year documents. These documents mark a person's visit to Israel during this "Solidarity Year." Unfortunately, the diploma is blatantly sexist, referring exclusively to the "Oleh" and "his" participation in the pilgrimage, and not once acknowledging the olah and her participation. The implication is that concern for Israel is the sole province of men.

A document for women pilgrims must be printed and distributed immediately if we are not to offend Jewish women.

RICHARD SHAPIRO
Jerusalem

The Ministry of Tourism says that aliya is a mitzvah for men and women, but all mitzvot are referred to in the male gender. — Ed. J.P.

EXPLOITATION OF ARAB LABOURERS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — I have read with dismay your report of July 16, concerning the exploitation of Arab labourers by some members of Moshav Eshkol. Every decent Israeli must be disgusted that Jews should behave towards other human beings in such a manner and perturbed that the State cannot prevent this.

A. LEVINS
Tel Aviv

Eldridge Cleaver —
P.O. box — Alameda
County Jail

ELDRIDGE CLEAVER, the former U.S. Black Panther and imprisoned in California, explains in the letter below, written to a Tel Aviv University sociologist, how the Black Panthers have become a tool of Arab propaganda.

I appreciate your response to my statement criticizing the U.N. resolution which equates Zionism with racism. The fierce argument continues. The Arabs are using their oil to great advantage. Support for Israel is under attack as never before. Inside the U.S., a campaign, orchestrated at the very highest levels of power and finance, is underway to "re-educate" the American people into diluting support for Israel. I feel this is a highly dangerous development which invites disaster.

The Black Panther Party underwent a schism several years ago. The great mass of our Party's membership split away from the Party, as I did, because we refused to go along with the stupid, opportunistic policies advanced by a small group of idiots who seized control of the Party — in name only. This handful of politically blind people are receiving Arab money, and they regularly support the PLO with no real concern one way or the other; for the consequences of their actions. This small group, using the name of the Black Panther Party, is in touch with the Arabs and are spearheading the attacks against me, starting with an interview which one of them, Elaine Brown, gave to the PLO news agency and which was published all over the world in April.

I expect some very surprising changes to take place in the relations between black people and the Arabs, including inside the OAU. Inside the U.S.A. it is going to be a very interesting struggle. The Arabs, with their money, are buying the support of many blacks who follow, the third world skin-colour politics which we all followed during the '60s. But those politics are washed up, bankrupt, and the Arabs are making the mistake of uniting with people who still follow those outmoded politics.

BURIAL IN ISRAEL

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — Your leader of July 4 commending the new arrangement between the National Insurance Institute and the Ministry of Religious Affairs regarding interment of the dead prompts me to draw attention to the situation that, in modern Israel, interment is still carried out without coffins.

Families, especially from Western countries, are constantly distressed and even shocked by the harrowing sight of the body of a dear one being manhandled by a man standing in the open grave.

As early as the first century, burial shrouds and plain wooden coffins were introduced in Eretz Israel, and for those who held that actual contact of the body with the earth of the Holy Land was required, the coffins were perforated.

If there was no overriding religious objection to the use of coffins in the days of old, surely in our day, families who feel keenly that interment without a coffin is distasteful and distressing should be enabled to have their dear one decently buried in coffins.

DAVID FREEMAN
Haifa

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DAVID REED (17), of 15 The Cote, Farley, Pudsey, (Yorkshire, England), would like to correspond with Israeli girls.

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